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Applicant: Steven H. Voldman, et al

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Title:


Method and Structure For  
Improving Latch-Up Immunity  
Using Non-Dopant Implants

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 28, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, claims 1-21, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 198. This election is made with traverse, and Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 22-32, drawn to a semiconductor structure, classified in class 257, subclass I+..

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With regard to the Restriction Requirement, however, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of all claims 1-32 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of either group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and the examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from Applicants prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Otherwise, Applicants request early and favorable examination on the merits.

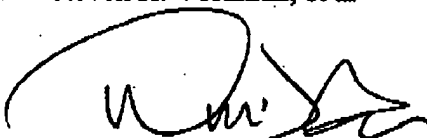
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